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Increase in Prices of Chemicals/ Insecticides

5660. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated percentage hike in the prices of chemicals due to the recent budget;

(b) whether the prices of insecticides are also proposed to be increased; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). The prices of chemicals/insecticides are either fixed nor monitored by the Ministry.

Launching of Satellite

5661. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch and satellite into the orbit of the earth in near future;

(b) if so, time by which it will be launched;

(c) the total amount to be spent thereon; and

(d) the purpose of launching the satellite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. The satellites proposed for launch in near future are Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-IE(IRS-IE), Stretched Rohini Satellite Series-C (SROSS-C), Indian National Satellite-2A (INSAT 2A) and India National Satellite-2B (INSAT-2B). Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-B (IRS-IB) has been successfully launched on 29th August, 1991.